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Mrs & Mr Garrison

Dear Friends,

You will
rejoice I know to hear of the prosperity of the
cause in this part of the country. The Financial concerns of the association are prosperous-
The principles are spreading wide & striking
deep, while with a singular inconsistency, those
who are beginning to embrace them seem to
hate the persons of abolitionists more than ever
This is as the man who is roused from slumber
on the verge of the precipice strikes the hand
that hastily awakens him. A fuller revelation
of his condition is needed before he can greet
as a friend one who has disturbed his rest.

Allow me to make the enquiry (I trust to
your knowledge of me thus far as well as to your
friendship to absolve me from the charge of
idle curiosity) whether the sum of $12.00 will
enable the editorial department of the Liberator
to move forward with sufficient ease. My judg-
ment says not, when I consider the facts of the
case as far as I know them, especially that

Frend Johnson's demands must be answered from that source. I trust to your love of the cause to overcome any natural reluctance to use the efforts of its friends for the support of this most important engine. Wendell Phillips told me after his excursion through Worcester Co. that the emancipation certainly left men asleep as to the forwarding of the work, & that he could get no assistance in his labours but from Liberator-men.

I have just returned from the funeral of Mrs Phelps. Her remains are to be removed to Plymouth for interment. Mr Boies was the officiating clergyman, & in his touching comfortless prayer, confessed to the Lord as follows. "O Lord thou knowest that thy ministering servants are afflicted, even as other men & that they must have recourse to the same sources of consolation as their people." What humility! How condescending of those ministering servants!

We have a plan on foot to procure a portrait of J. Q. Adams, by Page; a young artist who possess rare abilities, if not genius. He is generally thought to excel Sully. He has painted a very good portrait of E. G. Loring & Mrs L. is now sitting for hers.

H. C. Wright has recently been at Weymouth much to the discomfiture of Mr Perkins. He delivered seven lectures there, the people hearing seven

gladly. We all hope to see you at the Peace
convention, which, as far as I can learn, bids
fair to excite a general interest. I send you
Emerson's oration. It is rousing the wrath of
the Cambridge "powers that be" in an astonishing
manner. How cowardly are Unitarians generally!
They take the alarm at sentiments which differ
only in shading, from their own; (in matters of
doctrine I mean.)

The Commencement exercises at Cambridge
have been strongly tinged this year with both
abolition & Anti-Abolition. I did not attend, but
Caroline who was there, speaks highly of an oration
by Mr Shackford of Portsmouth, whose forth-right
manner of declaring his sentiments on the subject of
Prejudice against colour shocked some of the audience
as much as it delighted others.

When I see how many soi-disant
Christians & gentlemen & Statesmen are occupied
with minor things as of the first importance
till they have not only obscured the light of the
Spirit in their hearts but have disqualified themselves
to interpret the revelations to former ages, I think of
the luminous view of Epictetus, whom they call Pagan.
"Not taxes & revenues" he says "are proper to occupy
the mind of the true statesman, but virtue & vice,—
Happiness & Misery.— Slavery & Freedom."

Henry joins me in sincere regards to you
both. I am yours with affectionate regard

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